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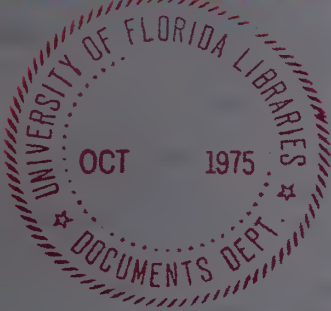


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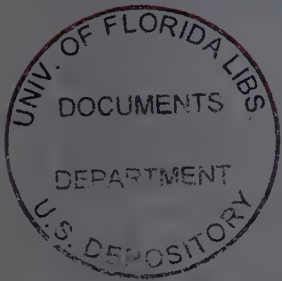
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THINK TACTICAL

Voting—A Part of Democracy

American citizens over the age of 18 were eligible to vote in the recent election. Posters, slogans and advertisements urged citizens not only to get out and vote—but also urged voters to carefully consider the candidates and the issues while making their decisions.

For a view of how ASAers responded to the recent election, interviewees were asked “Did you vote in the recent election? Why or why not?”

“What is your reaction to its outcome?”

No time out. . .

“First of all, I’m lazy. I had work and school to think about and it was easier not to vote. Also, I am a citizen of the District of Columbia and couldn’t get excited about the General Election.”

SP 5

“No, I didn’t vote. I think it would be a lot better if voting polls were more convenient. Maybe they could set up a small booth in office buildings. Unfortunately, voting is something that has to be made extremely convenient.”

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“I didn’t vote in this election although I do make it a point to vote in Presidential elections. I am not a resident of this state and write-ins confuse me.

“The outcome will make the parties think about the people they put in for the next Presidential election. The person will definitely have to have more qualities.

“This election was definitely a protest vote.”

SP 4

Absentee problems. . .

“I wasn’t able to vote because, after writing away for an absentee ballot from my home state, I never received one; otherwise, I would have voted.

“I feel the outcome is definitely a reaction to our ‘party’ problems. The landslide Democratic victories show that people aren’t satisfied with what happened in the past few years, and want a change.”

SP 4

“Yes, I voted, and was delighted with the outcome. I always vote, and felt no more compelled to do so this time than before. I think the general nationwide feeling was that ‘if things remain the same as they are now, we’ll really be in trouble in six months.’

“By far, the most popular issue was the economy. People voted for the representatives who they thought would best put the economy in the right perspective.”

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Problems of moving around. . .

“No, I didn’t vote. I have moved around so much that I never established a residency.

“Nationally, I thought the elections would go just as they did. People have a tendency to change to the party that’s not in power if they aren’t happy. It’s part of a democratic system to give the other party a chance.

“If I was a voter I would be a Republican. They have been able to do things a lot better than the Democrats. There’s no question that the Watergate issue affected voter sentiment. If that hadn’t happened, no Republican would have lost.”

MAJ

“We just moved to this state and I really didn’t know the people or the issues, but I voted in this election because I think everyone should vote.

“As far as the outcome, I guess my reaction is pretty much the same as everyone elses. People wanted a new party in because they weren’t satisfied with the performance of the last party.”

CPT

It was easy to predict. . .

“The outcome??? That’s the American way. Anytime things go bad, they want a change. There’s criticism that the President shouldn’t have interceded in the areas that he did, but if he hadn’t done anything at all, people would have complained anyway.”

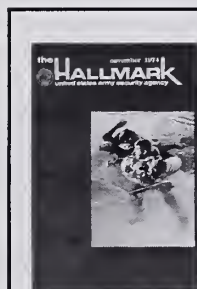
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Our Cover—Tactical training involves more than just land readiness. Soldiers have to be prepared for most any “field environment.”

Read how USASA’s Aviation EW Co prepared itself for a water landing on page 6. Other tactical training articles appear on pages 2 and 5.

Photo by SP4 Joseph Garrity.

Almost daily in our public and private dealings one hears the proclamation “That’s not my job.”

The basis of such a proclamation usually is not limited to a technical task for which special training or qualification is required but one which can be accomplished by almost anyone.

The settings in which these proclamations occur are all functional areas and most assuredly are not limited to a few. As a matter of fact, most usually it occurs where responsibility lies with all concerned but no one is willing to assume it.

For example, in the area of personal appearance, many officers, NCOs, and Service members are not willing to correct obvious violations, either by personal contact or reporting to a proper official. It seems that no one—but no one—wants to pick up any litter around the post or base. Often a slight pause and a little stooping or bending effort would make the scenery so much more attractive and pose no inconvenience.

This process continues until at some point in time a higher authority finally must make it everybody’s job. Then commences the unpleasant situation of everyone’s being inconvenienced until the situation is back in control.

If each person accepted his or her responsibility with the attitude of doing what obviously needs to be done, our daily lives would be significantly less complex and major efforts could be directed toward primary mission accomplishments.

So, how about an attitude check. Let’s do the job that needs to be done and press on to greater challenges. In the words of Abraham Lincoln, “You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today!”

By LTC Eugene Schmidt

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Exercises AS A Arctic Readiness



Ft Richardson team (above) moves out. Below, CSM Stikeleather checks the maintenance on the Ft Richardson team's vehicles. (Photos by SP4 D F Hatfield)



Seek out and destroy. Those were the instructions the Commander of the 172d Arctic Light Infantry Brigade received. His unit would attack the Orange Bloc Forces occupying King Salmon Air Force Base and the surrounding area. The Snowhawk Brigade headed out by Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft and FTX Ember Dawn 75 was on. ASA's only Arctic trained unit, the Fort Richardson Team, USASA Security Detachment, Region IV, mounted up and moved out in support.

Ember Dawn 75 was a joint Air Force/Army maneuver conducted in the King Salmon Alaska area during mid September. The twofold mission of the Alaska Air Command was to provide tactical airlift and tactical air support for the Friendly (or Blue) forces. This was accomplished with the help of various Air Force National Guard units from the Lower 48.

Because no roads exist to King Salmon, all ground forces and rolling stock had to be airlifted into the exercise area. The Air Force met the challenge by flying their Hercs

from dawn to dusk, moving men and equipment, and later resupplying the beans and bullets as the Army needed them.

On the ground, the men of Task Force Tomahawk supported by the 222d Aviation Battalion helicopters, and the eyes and ears of the Arctic Saber Air Cav troops were the main Blue Force. The Fort Richardson Team was tasked to provide Communications Security monitoring support as well as radio jamming of friendly communications to provide a realistic ECM environment for the Blue Forces to experience. The theme for the exercise was airmobility and several airmobile assaults as well as airborne troop drops were programmed during the exercise.

Despite an occasional marauding grizzly bear and the continuing battle for air superiority with Alaskan mosquitoes, men of the 4th Battalion, 23d Infantry, dispatched the Orange Forces, and the exercise was termed a success.

Visits by Brigadier General William Rolya, Deputy Commanding General of USASA, and ASA's Command Sergeant Major, Lee Stikeleather, highlighted the exercise for the Fort Richardson team. Staff members of the 172d Arctic Light Infantry Brigade provided an operational briefing for the visitors, giving insight to the infantry's role in the exercise.

GEN Rolya and CSM Stikeleather took advantage of the visit and became acquainted with ASA's specially configured arctic equipment.

All in all, the exercise provided an excellent opportunity to shake down equipment in preparation for the upcoming Alaska winter exercise Jack Frost 75. Jack Frost is scheduled for February, when temperatures often drop to a bone chilling -50 degrees. Any volunteers for a tour in the arctic paradise? The team could use a few more good men.

Information provided by
MSG Charles W. Hoeffle



Superior Performance Pro-Pay has been slashed as a result of a joint conference committee action on the Defense Appropriations Bill for this fiscal year.

The pro pay will be cut in December and will end January 31, 1975.

The action means that about 38,627 soldiers who have been receiving \$50 a month under the Superior Performance Proficiency Pay Program will find their paychecks \$25 lighter at the end of December and they will receive a final \$25 payment on January 31.

In a similar cutback, the Department of Defense plans to phase out Shortage Specialty Proficiency Pay once the new Selective Reenlistment Specialty Proficiency Program becomes effective. The latter program, aimed at attracting and retaining soldiers in certain MOS skill shortage areas, will be reduced to one-fourth of the program levels projected for fiscal years 76 through 80.

The MOS areas being selected will be announced by the first of the year. Soldiers serving in the deleted skill areas will have their Shortage Specialty Proficiency Pay cut on June 30, 1975. A phase out program is not possible because of insufficient funds.

The only proficiency pay program left intact for this fiscal year is the Special Duty Assignment Proficiency aimed at attracting volunteers to serve as recruiters, drill sergeants and career counselors.



What is COLA? For the soldier who is about to begin his first overseas tour, the term COLA can be widely misunderstood.

When living costs at an overseas post exceed living costs in the US, soldiers at that post may be eligible for additional allowances. This station allowance has three parts: an Overseas Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), a Housing Allowance (HOUS), and a Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA).

COLA compensates for nonhousing costs of living overseas. HOUS covers the cost of rent, utilities and moving-in expenses that exceed the basic quarters allowance. TLA pays for the extra cost of moving into and out of quarters; for example, it pays for short periods of time when a family may have to live in a hotel or guest quarters.

These allowances help a soldier and his family maintain a similar standard of living at an expensive overseas post as he would in the US.

A Department of Defense (DoD) committee determines whether overseas allowances are warranted for an overseas duty station.

The DoD group continuously monitors overseas station allowances and adjusts them to changing economic conditions such as changes in the foreign currency/dollar exchange rate.

Soldiers alerted for overseas movement should contact their personnel sergeant or finance clerk to get further details and rates for their specific assignment area.



Sleigh Bells Are Ringing—and local exchanges are ready for Christmas gift-giving times.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) announced a new 1974 "AAFES American Showcase" special-order catalog which is now available for use by its customers worldwide.

The catalog contains 1200 US-brand items that can be ordered for delivery to stateside addresses and to APO/FPO addresses.

The catalog is available at exchange customer service counters for the in-store use of AAFES patrons in CONUS. Overseas customers may pick up personal take-home copies at their local exchanges.

New IDs—All active Army personnel will be getting new identification cards as a result of the change in Department of Defense Regulations.

The current green DD Form 2, the Armed Forces Identification Card, has been revised to comply with the Geneva Convention. Changes on the new card will be very slight, with the size, shape and color of the new DD Form 2 remaining the same. The new card will serve the dual purpose of both military and Geneva Convention identification. The Geneva Convention ID card (DD Form 528) will be rescinded.

Two new cards have been established; one for protected medical and religious personnel who serve in, or accompany the armed forces and another for civilians who accompany the armed forces. This last group includes entertainers and members of the media.

Conversion of the new forms began last month and will continue for a one year period.

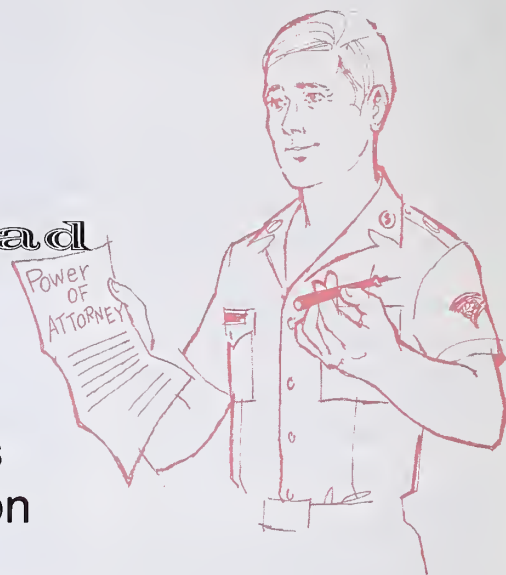


Change your calendars—A new fiscal year running from October 1 to September 30 is scheduled to begin in October 1976. This will replace the present federal fiscal year which begins July 1 and ends June 30.



A Very Broad Power

or
a fool and his
money are soon
parted



The lush, sultry summer has equinoxed into a crisp, vibrant autumn in the Timbuktu-Shangri-la defense, when we again tune in to the life and times of Shyster A Turney, barracks lawyer and man-about-town, and the chips, as well as the leaves, are beginning to fall in old Shy's direction.

Due to his recent diligence in the steadfast performance of his daily duties, Shy, now a Specialist Four again, after a long sojourn as E3, has been selected by his commander to log a little TDY time on a secret project at some undisclosed military installation covertly referred to as the Lost Post.

To celebrate his revisit by Lady Luck, Shy went to the NCO Club for a few brews and before long malted versions of per diem were dancing in front of his eyes.

Also dancing in front of his eyes was the local go-go dancer, who was christened Ima Spender when she was born, but who now performs under the stage name of Goldie-DiGer.

After his pleasant, and then unpleasant, experience with Miss Dee

Cups, Shy had been more than a little reticent about his relationship with any member of the fairer sex, but by the end of the evening, Goldie had shook, shimmied, jiggled and gyrated her way into his heart.

But, alas, temporary parting must be sweet sorrow for the new young lovers, for on the morrow Shy must leave on his TDY trek.

Before parting, however, Shy remembered that there were several things he had to do during his period of absence that must be accomplished in Timbuktu-Shangri-la, namely the re-registration of his motorcycle, pickup, Porsche 917 and Maserati. Since he had to leave so abruptly, Shy decided to let Goldie do it for him, so once again he began the all-too-familiar trot to the friendly neighborhood JAG office, seeking a power of attorney.

This time he encountered the most virile of all JAG officers, CPT Hercules M. Potant, a man who could flex his mind almost as much as his muscles, and the first question the brilliant young attorney asked Shy was what type of power of attorney he wanted.

"What do you mean?" queried Shyster.

"There are two types, Shy," explained the captain, "general powers of attorney allow the person you designate to do almost anything in your name during the period the power is granted, while a special power of attorney only permits the designee to perform some certain acts or functions."

After Shy explained his need for the power of attorney, CPT Potant recommended a special power as sufficient for the purpose, but added that he would need certificates of title and registration, etc, in order to draw up a power of attorney for limited purposes.

Shy had not brought any of the certificates with him and he did have to leave in a short while, so he went ahead and completed a fill-in-the-blanks general power of attorney, designating his beloved Goldie as his attorney.

"Are you certain you want to give her this much power, Shy?" questioned the Army barrister cautiously. "A general power is an awesome instrument."

But Shy was not to be deterred. "I don't have time to do it the other way," he insisted. "Besides, Goldie is no women's libber. She wouldn't know the difference between Gloria Stingum and Linda Loveless. She'll do exactly what I tell her to do."

"OK, Shy, if you say so," agreed Hercules reluctantly.

Shy's TDY fairly flew by and he returned to the home base three days after the Billy Jean King-Bobby Riggs tennis battle on the tube.

Shy had watched the match, but without much interest, although the

same cannot be said for MissDiGer.

Inspired by the example of BJK's valiant battle against the male supremacy, Goldie traded his Maserati, Porsche, pickup and 1200 cc on a new 16 cylinder Rolls and took to the road, leaving behind a broken hearted Shy and 48 monthly payments of \$200 each.

"What can I do?" asked Shy breathlessly after running to the JAG office upon his 'discovery of Goldie's fit of financial frenzy and fiduciary flight.

"I've been had."

"I am afraid so, I tried to warn you of the potential hazards of your actions," said CPT Potant, not so sympathetically, since he had lost a bundle on the court hustler in Houston.

"Well, said Shy, "she's not going to get away with it. I'm going after her."

"Ah, it is an ageless story," said the all-wise Army attorney.

"What do you mean?"

"Chasin' and the Goldie fleece," said Hercules, in a god-like manner.

By CPT Lewis Thompson, Jr



Tactical food preparation isn't easy.



The smiling 156th supply section.



(Above) So this is a field generator? (Right) Life in the great outdoors.



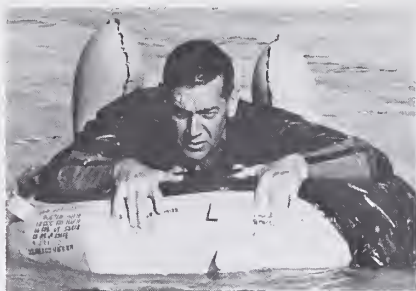
Who wants to be like everyone else? Certainly not the supply section of the 156th USASA Aviation Company. This Ft. Bliss, Texas team wasn't satisfied with a rear echelon performance; they wanted to be tactical, proficient and ready on a moment's notice.

The section of nine people recently experienced a three day adventure training exercise with full tactical gear and equipment.

What's adventure training without real adventure? Their training site was the mountains of New Mexico. A well stocked lake gave the spirited supply section a chance to turn to the water for food. Meanwhile, they demonstrated their tactical knowledge and abilities with hooks, lines and poles.

Three days and 73 trout and crappie later, the 156th had successfully demonstrated their ability in both areas.

Supply Goes Tactical



CW4 Swyres is ready for Aquatic World.

ASA's Aviation EW Company is

Always Prepared



Training's no drag for SP4 Joseph Garrity

For the sixth consecutive year, approximately 12,000 soldiers flew from the United States to three major air fields in Germany to participate in the joint training exercise Reforger 74. A future Hallmark article will tell the nitty gritty, suspense-filled account of ASA's involvement in Reforger. In the meantime . . . read how one ASA unit prepared itself.

Members of the US Army Aviation Electronic Warfare Company are not only wet behind the ears; they're wet behind the knees, in the back of the neck, between the toes and inside the shoes.

As part of Reforger training, 12 men from the AVN EW Co who would be flying four RU-21 aircraft over the North Atlantic, endured 40 hours of water survival training.

The eight pilots and four crew chiefs knew that they would be spending 11 hours flying over the turbulent

North Atlantic; their schedule also dictated that they touch down briefly at Goose Bay, Labrador, Sondrestrom, Greenland, Keflavik, Iceland and Meldenhall, England. Water survival training was a necessity.

Air Force Technical Sergeants Milford E Baugh and Herbert S Lallier familiarized the men on their air survival equipment and how to adapt each piece to varying climates.

Following suggestions from the two instructors, new



Above, T/SGT Lallier's jump brought a few grimaces to the team . . .



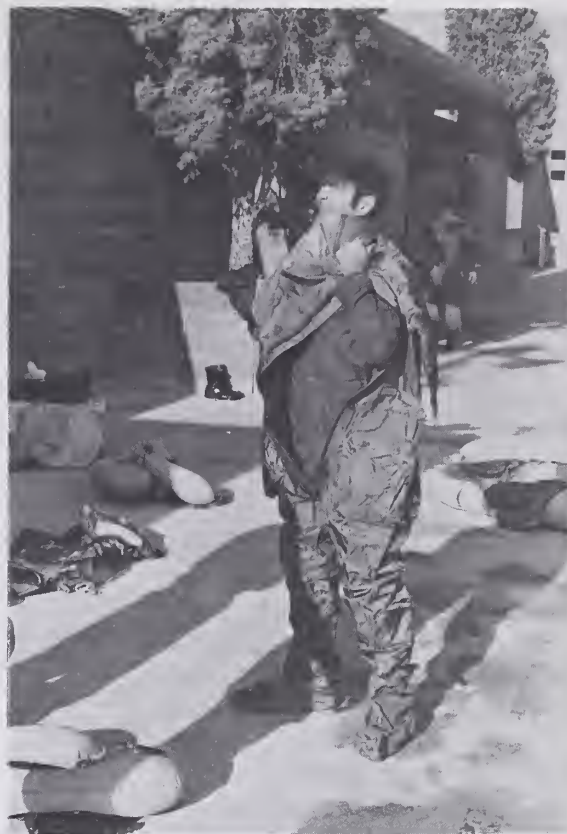
The group prepares to enter the water.

gear was added to the aircraft—specially designed saws for cutting ice and snow to make igloos and shelters was one of the adopted suggestions.

The team discussed methods of exiting the aircraft in case of ditching in the Atlantic on their way to Reforger. They were refreshed on parachuting methods and techniques, and learned how to capture and prepare flora and fauna of the North. Lectures included not only the animals to look for, but the ones to look out for.

The practical parachuting-into-the-water course proved to be one of the most interesting. This class was held at a Ft Bliss swimming pool. T/Sgts Lallier and Baugh floated a parachute at the deep end of the pool and tied it so it wouldn't sink. The crew members then donned anti-exposure suits which are designed to protect the wearer from the water and trap air inside. As the individuals enter the water, the air rushes to the top of the suit. Pronto: a ready made life preserver. Each pilot is also given a set of water wings. (You can never be too safe.)

One by one, the crew jumped into the mock Atlantic (alias Ft. Bliss pool), swam to the edge of the chute, grabbed a section of it, turned around, and slowly began to back under it by pushing the material over his head and pulling himself backward. Following a seam brings the water logged crew member to the other side. This practice session taught the survival trainee what to do if the parachute landed on him after he hit the water.



"Yep, a perfect fit."

Once on the other side, students were to swim to a nearby one man life raft, blow it up and get in. Blowing up the raft and getting in was a novel and sometimes humorous experience.

Once safely inside their rafts, the team practiced setting up sea anchors and the spray shield. Paddling to the edge of the pool and handing an anti-exposure suit to the next waiting man ended the exercise.

A little break from the norm usually eases the atmosphere, but when T/Sgt Lallier leaped from the high diving board into the pool wearing all his gear, apprehensive thoughts of "Do I have to do that?" ran through everyone's mind.

One ASAer won't repeat his mistake of not completely zipping up his suit. Even though all of the exposure suits had a nasty habit of leaking, this man's mistake gave him a surprise bath from the waist down.

Now thoroughly prepared, the crew was ready to take off for Reforger. Because they will be in Germany during the Oktoberfest, SP4 Joseph Garrity (a water-survival participant) commented, "Perhaps what our fearless crew needed was a refresher course in drinking German beer and surviving a hangover. It may not save lives, but it would probably have been appreciated a lot more."

**Photos and information provided by
SP4 Joseph Garrity**



Camera Bugs, Are You Ready?

Dates, categories, and entry deadlines have been announced for two military photography contests: the twelfth annual Military Pictures of the Year competition and the sixth Military Newsfilm Motion Picture Photography of the Year contest.

Both competitions are open to all active duty photographers and journalists in the four branches of Service and in the Reserves and National Guard. Eligible pictures and film must have been taken between January 1 and December 31, 1974, must be those exposed by a cameraman behind the lens, and must be submitted for competition no later than February 1, 1975.

Photographic (stills) entries may be in color or black and white, must be mounted on 16 x 20 boards, and must be designated for one of the eight following categories: News, Portrait/Personality, Sports, Picture Story, Feature (military), Feature (non-military), Pictorial and Portfolio.

Newsfilm entries must meet specifications for the following three categories: (1) unedited, rough cut, 16 mm color newsfilm footage; (2) featurette—edited 16 mm color newsfilm clip not to exceed three minutes; and (3) individual entry—16 mm color or black and white, edited or

unedited film, length not more than 300 feet. Film from each category will be judged in sub-categories for controlled and uncontrolled action (by cameraman on subjects, performance, etc.).

Both the photograph and newsfilm competitions are sponsored by the Department of Defense in cooperation with the National Press Photographers Association. The University of Missouri School of Journalism is assisting with the Military Pictures of the Year competition and the University of Oklahoma is participating in the Military Newsfilm Motion Picture contest. Judging in both competitions will be conducted at the respective participating university. Information and entry forms for both competitions are available from local Information Offices.

Further information on the Military Pictures of the Year contest may be obtained from the Photojournalism Division, Defense Information School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana 46216.

Additional information on the military newsfilm contest is available from the following offices of the four Services:

- Army: Office, Chief of Information, Public Information Division, Audio-Visual Branch, Washington, D.C. 20310.



Shell Collecting

USASAFS Sobe—Torii Station on Okinawa has a club that appeals to all ages and sizes. Almost everyone can join. The only requirement is that you need to be able to see and walk. (Maybe even one of those can be waived if your interest is earnest).

The Shell Club president says "some people are under the mistaken impression that you need to be a strong swimmer or scuba qualified. This is wrong. I began snorkeling only about two years ago, and only recently became scuba qualified."

Other members of the club became interested in snorkeling and scuba as a side interest and use these skills when they search for new and untouched shells.

Outings and boat trips are planned by the club regularly. Torii has a good idea. Why not put it to use on your post? PS—It could be worth some money.

Scuba

7th RRFS—The Recreation Services SCUBA Club at Ramasun Station, Thailand, took seven students to Pattaya Beach for their scuba certification dives.

Sam Edwards, the Ramasun Sports Director, had arrived a day early and arranged to rent a boat and scuba equipment. The basic students and four advanced students climbed aboard and set sail for a three hour cruise to the farthest island. Bob Berg, the scuba instructor, gave a preliminary dive briefing before releasing the divers for snorkeling. The advanced students paired off and proceeded with a scuba dive.

The new divers (two at a time) accompanied Bob to a depth of 60 feet. They were required to dem-

onstrate the techniques they learned at the pool.

Included in their test was a skill to ditch all gear and ascend 30 feet to the surface. Later, each member was required to free dive 25 feet and don scuba gear waiting at the ocean floor. This was a demanding chore, but all the basic students successfully completed their tasks.

The dive boat was docked at an island and everyone waded ashore. Camp was set up and dive stories were shared over a meal of beans, sardines and snacks. (Editor's note: Strange diving meal!) Bob led his four advanced students on a night dive that evening to find that fish were surprisingly plentiful. SFC Al Sitt had the unpleasant experience of spotting a small sand shark. Happily, the shark was frightened off by Edward's frantic thrashing.

Early the next morning the water-logged crew made another dive to end the intriguing weekend.

Softball

USASAT&EC—This ASA team completed one of its most successful fast pitch softball seasons in recent years.

The ASA team won the Northern Division championship with a very impressive 20-2 record. In the finals of the Fort Huachuca softball championship, ASA was upset by a determined Co E, HQFH, 5-3. Although ASA came in second in the post championship, their overall record was 23-4.

Sparking the ASA effort during the season was SFC Julius Maklary. Maklary pitched every game for ASA and in the post championship he threw five complete games in only three days. Batting leaders throughout the season were Aaron Hunter, John Schneider, David Iacono and Craig Henderson.

USASAFS Berlin—In keeping with FS Berlin's winning tradition, the H&S Company fast pitch softball team captured all honors in the 1974 softball league and championship tournament. With a record of 21 wins against only four defeats, Berlin's H&S Company was clearly in a class by itself in the Divided City. This was the highest record in the history of the league.

Almost as soon as the regular league play ended, the Berlin City Championship Tournament began and H&S Company picked up where they left off with their winning performances. In the double elimination tournament H&S went without a loss and was crowned City Champion by BG Robert Stevenson, Commander, Berlin Brigade.

For compiling an overall record of 26-4, BG Stevenson was impressed enough to say that he would, "have to take the FS to Berlin Brigade since the Field Station had all of his gold."

The manager of the team, CWO Francis Naughton, commented that to attempt to name one, or several, outstanding players would be misleading, since it was truly a total team effort.

T&EC, Ft Huachuca, AZ, won the Northern Division Championship.

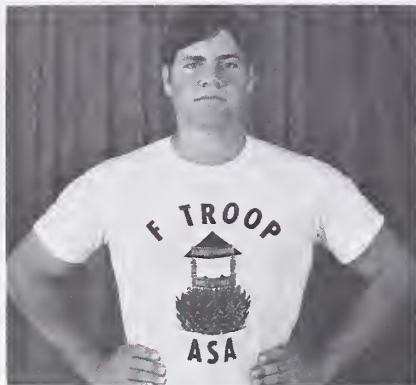




pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

F Troop T-Shirts



USASA School Brigade, Ft Devens, MA—F Troop T shirts are in, in fact orders are coming in from all over the world. Shown wearing his new tee shirt is PVT Steve Harvey, VP of the Heritage Singers.

TV Award Winner

USASATC&S, Ft Devens, MA—WASA-TV, the Educational Television station for TC&S, Ft Devens, MA, has won the Keith L Ware Award for Television Excellence in 1973.

The award was presented at the WASA-TV studios by COL Robert W Lewis, then commandant, TC&S, for "I'm Not Prejudiced". The program produced for the TC&S Race Relations Office, demonstrated everyday instances of prejudices that occur without forethought and without regard to other people's feelings.

The Keith L Ware Award is presented annually to various Army media, including newspapers, magazines, radio and television. The award is named for MG Keith L Ware, who died while serving in Viet Nam in 1968.

Receiving the award on behalf of WASA-TV was Mr Jay E Serwin,

Chief of the Television Division. SP4 Dennis Gross, the producer and director of the show, also received an award.

Promotion Plus

USA AVN EW Co, Ft Bliss, TX—Paul LaPrad of the US Army Aviation Electronic Warfare Company has done the near impossible. During his three years with the unit, Paul hopped from Private First Class to Staff Sergeant.

Starting as a 52B20 generator man in the motor pool, Paul worked his way through a variety of jobs, including supply clerk, Military Policeman, TAMMS clerk and dispatcher.

"I enjoyed watching the CEFIRM LEADER system develop," says Paul. When he arrived here in July 1971, the unit had none of its present nine mission aircraft.

With his promotion to E-6, Paul was awarded the 52B40 MOS.



Paul LaPrad jumped from PFC to SSG in three years. (Photo by SP5 Sam Wrenn.)

Now, he's looking forward to a Bad Aibling, Germany tour, starting in December.

CO's Conference

504th ASA Gp, Hunter Army Airfield, GA—The 504th ASA Gp, commanded by COL Richard H. Koenig, is the headquarters for all ASA tactical units in CONUS.

Recently a Group Commander's Conference held there provided an opportunity for subordinate commanders of the newly formed Group to discuss common problem areas and command philosophy. After the briefings by each unit commander, the meeting settled down to work with presentations on a variety of subjects.

Among the items discussed were: security education and training, operational planning and reports, food service program, training and logistic support and personnel procedures.

Gift of Life

303d ASA Bn, Ft Hood, TX—The call for help went out for Miss Tammy Easley and the men of the 303d ASA Battalion answered that call. The daughter of Mr and Mrs Pat Easley of Temple, Texas, Tammy has suffered from spinal meningitis since she was two weeks old.

A blood drive provided the means for the men of the 303d to show their concern for Tammy. Sponsored by the Community Blood Bank of Temple's Scott and White Memorial Hospital, the blood bank agreed to credit Tammy with \$30 for each pint



SP4 Steve Donato gives his fair share to help Tammy.



SP5 Richard Macon, checks the FSNs on some ordered parts.

of blood. A combined effort, the blood drive was organized by SGT Billy Wallace of the 303d and by SSG Emory Davis of the 2d of the 7th Cavalry. Both serve as human relations NCOs in their respective units. Through the efforts of these two men, and the cooperation of the men in the two battalions, \$3600 was raised to help pay Tammy's bill at the hospital.

Even though she was recently released from the intensive care section, Tammy is already talking about tackling Temple's Suicide Hill on her ten-speed. This spirit typifies the pert 12 year-old who has been in and out of hospitals since she was two weeks old.

Tammy is a victim of a birth defect that left her with a crack in her skull. She has fought through 25 bouts of the disease, as infections turn into spinal meningitis, a painful inflammation of the brain and spinal cord.

Our Hero

303d ASA Bn, Ft Hood, TX—PFC Gerald H Grissom of the 373d ASA Company's SC&J I Platoon, was recently responsible for an act requiring great courage and decisive action.

At approximately 5 PM, he was driving home on Turkey Run Road which was slick from the rain. As he approached the cattle guard not far from main post, Grissom saw a military jeep turned on its side.

Grissom stopped his car and ran to the aid of two soldiers who had

been riding in the jeep. One of the men was still on fire when Grissom arrived. He quickly extinguished the flames and checked the other soldier. Both men had been severely burned in the fire.

Grissom put the two soldiers in his car and took them to Darnel Army Hospital. After arriving at Darnel the men were taken by helicopter to Brooks Army Medical Center where they are listed in critical condition.

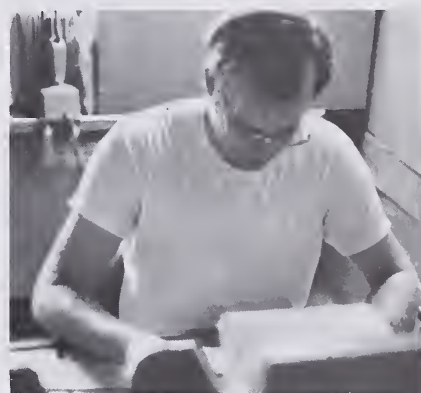
Grissom's actions required the utmost in courage and split-second decision making. He is to be commended for his heroism.

Super Scores

303d ASA Bn, Ft Hood, TX—Two members of the 373d ASA company recently broke long-standing records by their performances while attending the III Corps Prescribed Load List (PLL) Course.

Two months ago, SP4 Ronnie D Parrish of the 373d Motor Pool completed the course with an overall score of 96.6—the highest average ever achieved prior to that time. The PLL course curriculum primarily stresses the paperwork procedures involved in requisitioning motor and signal maintenance repair parts. When commended for his outstanding performance, Parrish modestly confided, "I was really surprised. I didn't think I scored that high." SP4 Parrish, who hails from Andalusia, Alabama, plans to make a career of the ASA.

SP5 Richard G. Maxon, who also



SP4 Ronnie Parrish, prepares an order for the motor pool.

works in the 373d Motor Pool, attended the very next class of the PLL course. Not to be outdone by his motor pool cohort, the fired-up Maxon finished the course with a near perfect average of 99.6.

Rumors have since abounded that the course will be revamped, as no one is supposed to score that high. When queried concerning the merits of the course, Maxon commented, "The course was very helpful to me because I've only been working in the motor pool for six weeks. Now, after having completed the PLL course, I can really begin to handle my job." Maxon, whose hometown is Scottsdale, Arizona, is torn between making the Army a career or continuing his college education at Arizona State University.

Both of these dedicated soldiers are rightfully proud of their accomplishments and have upheld the high standards of the 373d ASA Company and the Longhorn Battalion.

Winners

Central Finance and Accounting, AHS—During a visit to the CF&AO, BG William I. Rolya, Deputy Commander, USASA, congratulated the personnel for their receiving five consecutive Soldier of the Month awards from Headquarters and Headquarters Co, USAG, AHS. From March through August 1974 (no board was held in June), the enlisted men who received the SOM award were PFC Gary Wallace (August), SP5 Robert A Stephens (July), SP5 Rickey Jack (May), SP4 Johnnie W Springer (April), and SP5 Mari I Mills, March.

Miss America

USASA Support Group, Ft Meade, MD—The Support Group Honor Guard was the first active Army unit to lead the Miss America Pageant Parade on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ.

The marching unit that participated in the parade (which has been an integral part of the pageant since 1923), consisted of 24 enlisted men and women.

Participation in this event capped a year of intensive activity by the

Support Group Honor Guard in ceremonies and patriotic celebrations throughout the Central Maryland, Southern Pennsylvania and New Jersey areas.

Join ASA Reserves for College Credit

Taking advantage of an educational opportunity, Teresa Ann McCall, from San Antonio, TX, enlisted in the recently activated 351st ASA Co (Div Spt) for three years.

Sworn in by Brigadier General Richard A. Breshnahan, Fifth Army Chief of Staff, she became the first enlisted woman in the new ASA Reserve unit.

A sophomore and education major at Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, she will begin basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, January 7. Then on March 7 she will begin a six months Spanish course at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California, for which she will receive college credit.

Officer Duo

Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, VA—Another Vint Hill Farms Station husband and wife team recently made the news. Mrs. (2LT) Paulette Castro was promoted to first lieutenant. Her husband, Lt Steve Castro helped to pin on his wife's new bars.

Mrs Castro is presently attending the Combat Readiness course, and will resume her position as the Executive Officer of Headquarters Company, USASAFS, when she returns to VHFS. Steve, who is from Hawaii, is the Executive Officer of the 370th ASA Opns, Co, VHFS.

In Appreciation

ASA Det, Goodfellow AFB, TX—First Sergeant E.F. Romero received a plaque from Mr Grady Sims, director of Blood Services, for contributions from members of the ASA Detachment at Goodfellow AFB, TX, to the local community blood bank in San Angelo, TX. The Community Service Award expressed the appreciation of Blood Services "In recognition of continued participation in providing the Gift of Life."

Science & Medicine

Sickle Cell Studies

Does the sickle cell trait have anything to do with general health? Fifteen Veterans Administration hospitals are in the process of studying 80,000 veterans to determine if overall health or longevity is affected.

About 25,000 black veterans have been examined thus far in this study of the effects of sickle cell trait and other hemoglobinopathies, to be completed in 1974 or 1975.

Tests on veterans born between

1869 and 1955 indicate that the sickle cell trait does not seem to interfere with longevity. This does not completely exclude the possibility that it has an effect on morbidity and the severity of certain diseases.

Also begun in 1972, a pilot program is screening for the sickle cell trait in all black veterans admitted to seven VA hospitals who wish to participate.

Counseling on potential health hazards and advice along genetic lines is being given to those affected with the trait.

Glaucoma

Is glaucoma hereditary? It is five times as common among people who have a family history of glaucoma.

If you have a relative with glaucoma—it is especially important to have a medical eye examination ever one or two years.

If you have glaucoma yourself, be sure to tell your relatives about your eye condition.

Remember, if glaucoma is found and treated early, the condition can be arrested and sight saved.

Don't Let The Torch Go Out

*The ever-current topic of conversation is the subject of the following article reprinted from **Write On**, the monthly newspaper of ASA Support Group, Ft Meade, MD.*

“Share a ride with a friend” . . . “Pool It” . . . “Save Gas” . . . “Conserve Energy” . . . Just a few of the phrases that have become household words during the 1973-1974 crisis years yet with very little meaning to many. An individual, living in and around the Fort Meade Community, has the tendency to lose his or her concern for the energy crisis. Like many others, I found myself saying and even believing that there was no problem, it doesn't exist. There's plenty of gas— plenty of electricity — plenty of *everything*. Right?

Wrong! It took me three days of commuting to Washington to realize how wrong I was. Sitting in a parking lot called the George Washington Parkway waiting for the traffic to flow again into the city, which from the distance, is hardly recognizable due to the smog, I began to wonder. “What's going to happen to us?” Everything we do, everything we depend on relies on our energy supply. Energy is so priceless, yet we waste it without thinking twice.

Everyone's been told to conserve energy so much that they're sick of hearing about it, but this is a subject which cannot be ignored. Something has to be done and done NOW. It took me three days of being stuck in traffic jams to become aware of our problem, not the “other guys” problem— *our* problem. Thousands of cars, 90% of which have no passengers other than the driver, idling, wasting precious gas. Billboards and signs flashing and blinking, wasting precious electricity.

What's the world going to be like in the future if we keep going on our present doomsday course. Think about it. It's frightening!! We have to sacrifice a little now or suffer in the future. It took me three days of travelling to Washington, what's it going to take for you?

Our country runs on energy, we need it. Don't waste

it. Value it. Conserve it. Pool it. **DON'T LET THE TORCH GO OUT!!!!!!!**

Who's To Blame?

The 303d Window, the monthly newspaper of ASA's 303d Bn at Ft Hood TX, carried the following account of our nation's number one problems.

The number one problem confronting America today is _____.

Choose one or several of the following:
pollution, fuel shortage, inflation, racial strife,
“Justice”

_____optional

As the list of No. 1 national problems continue to juggle for first place, Americans continue to withdraw into a shell hoping someone, somewhere, sometime, somehow will solve their problems. Americans continue to look for their hero to come and free them from their fears. I'm sorry, but the real six million dollar man can't run 60 MPH, and leap buildings in a single bound. Hasn't it occurred to Americans that there is no superman?

There seems to be a great deal of concern for individual privacy but there seems to be no concern for individual power. What can you do? After all you're just the little guy waiting for your hero. Vote? Are you kidding? One politician is just as bad as all the others. Why should you do anything anyway? You didn't create these problems, you just live here. You didn't burn up all of the gasoline. You didn't own slaves and systematically exclude minorities. Why should you be bothered by all these problems.

During the past ten to fifteen years America has come up with a scapegoat for almost every situation. Race riots were caused by outside agitators. Student rebellions were caused by dope fiends. The Vietnam war was held over for re-runs by LBJ. Now let's hang Nixon for corrupting our government. A good five cent cigar? No, what we need is a good five cent scapegoat. After all it's not the Americans fault that America is stumbling, it must be a communist plot. I know it's not our fault. We have done everything we can. HAVEN'T WE?!

Ideas and Opinions

“The exchange of ideas is the very motor of the democratic process”

Alan Barth

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**Why are you
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